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### **RESNOTE DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS:**

*This RESNOTE is distributed prior to the first drill weekend of each month. Paper distribution is mandatory for those reservists without E-mail. Unit COs should ensure the RESNOTE is distributed to all members in their unit. If you know of any Submarine Reservist presently serving outside of Program One, please forward a copy of this RESNOTE to them and invite them to send their e-mail address to the PCU. They will be added to the distribution list. Send e-mail input for upcoming RESNOTES to CWO3 Kevin Kilcoyne ([kilcoynekw@ieee.org](mailto:kilcoynekw@ieee.org)) (SUBLANT) or CAPT David Hill ([hillhd@westinghouse.com](mailto:hillhd@westinghouse.com)) (SUBPAC).*

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### NEW NAVAL RESERVE WEBSITE URL

The Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command's N1 current website will be turned off as of May 1, 2003 (correction from last month). To access the new page go to: <https://reserves.navy.mil> . You must login on the **CNRF Login button** at the center of the page or in the top right hand corner. Check the top of the page to determine if you are in the private site or public site. If you are in the public site, click, “Go to private site”. Click the “Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command” link in the Command Center section on the right hand side of the page. Once in the CNRFC website, the N1 web page is located in the “Manpower and Personnel” section

on the page. All individual codes (N11, N12, N13, and N15) are located on the left hand side of the “Manpower and Personnel” web page.

The APPLY Information Page is located within “Billets/Transfers” section of the web page (on the Navy blue bar at the top left hand side of the page).

## **SUBMARINE ITEMS IN THE NEWS**

### **HDW Unveils 212A Class Fuel Cell Submarine -**

Howaldtswerke Deutsche Werft AG (HDW, Kiel, Germany) unveiled what it described as the world's first submarine to be powered by fuel cell technology. The submarine, the first of four in the company's new 212A class being built for the German navy, was launched from the company's shipyard in the northern city of Kiel for testing in the Baltic Sea. The hydrogen-powered fuel cell vessel is expected to head for Norway in July for deep-water testing, before returning to Kiel next March for final fitting and delivery. The technology is designed to cut out noise and emissions.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/PAST HISTORY**

### **MAY**

**1 MAY - Posted cut-off date for on-line FY04 APPLY registration (to be safe applications should be submitted by 30 APRIL)**

**5 MAY - Naval Reserve E8/E9 Selection Board convenes**

**5 MAY - Naval Reserve O-4 Line Selection Board convenes**

**5 MAY - Shift to Summer Uniform for Naval District Washington**

**10 MAY (1960) - USS Triton (SSRN-586) completes submerged circumnavigation of world in 84 days following many of the routes taken by Magellan and cruising 46,000 miles.**

**17 MAY - Submarine Memorial Service/Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery**

**18 MAY - ARMED FORCES DAY**

**18 MAY - Final day for on-line FY04 APPLY application updates**

### **JUNE**

**2 JUNE - Naval Reserve LDO/CWO In-Service Procurement Selection Board convenes**

**6 JUNE - Deadline for supplemental packages to APPLY Board**

**9 JUNE - TAR Transfer/Redesignation Board #2 convenes**

**9 JUNE - Naval Reserve W-3/W-4 Selection Board convenes**

**9 JUNE (1959) - Launching of USS George Washington (SSBN-598), first nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine, at Groton, CT**

**15 JUNE – FY04 Apply Board convenes**

**16 JUNE - Naval Reserve E-7 Selection Board convenes**

**27 JUNE (est) – FY04 Apply Board adjourns**

**28 JUNE (1970) - USS James Madison (SSBN-627) completes first conversion to Poseidon missile capability**

### **JULY**

1 JULY (1914) - Prohibition of alcohol begins in the Navy  
1 JULY (1916) - Establishment of informal school for officers assigned to submarines at New London, CT  
2 JULY (1945) - USS Barb (SS-220) bombards Japanese installations on Kaihyo Island, Japan; first successful use of rockets against shore positions.  
4 JULY (1776) - American colonies declare their independence from Great Britain  
4 JULY (1842) - First test of electrically operated underwater torpedo sinks gunboat Boxer  
**18-19 JULY** – Joint CSL/CSP Reserve EXCOM – Denver, CO (**Tentative**)  
23 JULY (1958) - USS Nautilus (SSN-571) departs Pearl Harbor for first submerged transit of North Pole

## **ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOSS OF USS THRESHER**

*The following is a NAVSEA tribute to the memory of those shipmates lost. Even though many of us do not work daily in contact with the submarine force, our reserve duties are in support of the submarine force and it is important to maintain that focus as a tribute to those who have gone before us and our current shipmates.*

Forty years ago today, on April 10, 1963, while engaged in a deep test dive, the USS THRESHER (SSN 593) was lost at sea with 129 Officers and men on board. Based on the findings of a Court of Inquiry, and the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy hearings into the loss, it was concluded that a flooding casualty in the engine room, resulting from a piping failure in one of the sea water systems, was the most probable cause of the loss.

From this tragic event the Submarine Safety (SUBSAFE) Program was established to assure implementation of recommendations resulting from findings of the THRESHER Court of Inquiry and THRESHER Design Appraisal Board. Today the technical and administrative requirements of the SUBSAFE program continue to evolve and the most current are contained in the Submarine Safety Requirements Manual, NAVSEA 0924-062-0010, Revision C ACN 2-3.

Simply stated, the purpose of the SUBSAFE Program is to provide maximum reasonable assurance that seawater is kept out of the submarine and that the submarine and crew can recover if there is a seawater casualty.

Our challenge today, forty years after the loss of USS THRESHER, is to maintain the standards established by the SUBSAFE program and to avoid complacency. As we know, the submarine community almost lost the USS DOLPHIN and her crew in May of last year due to modification deficiencies. Our outstanding submarine safety record relies on rigorous compliance with technical and administrative requirements of the SUBSAFE Program. We cannot afford to rest on past performance, or be blinded by the challenges of downsizing, technology changes, schedule demands and diminishing dollars, where the safety of our submarines and lives of their crews are at stake.

We must continue to maintain our vigilance, intensity and integrity in all matters involving the SUBSAFE program. The supreme sacrifice of those lost with USS THRESHER can best be remembered by never letting it happen again.

Remember, SUBSAFE is a Requirement....an Attitude.....and a Responsibility.

USS THRESHER (SSN 593)....Let us pause today to remember:

**Capt. James Ballard, USN, Retired, Former Director of SUBSAFE and Quality Assurance, NAVSEA 92Q, writes:**

“While new generations of NAVSEA engineers and young navy submariners only learn about the THRESHER tragedy in history books or through stories passed from master chief to seaman or captain to ensign, many submariners of my generation have very personal and poignant memories about this tremendous loss of human life. For me the memories involved a wide range of emotions from an overwhelming sense of personal loss, to the unparalleled joy at the return of a loved one, to the lingering sadness at the loss of friends and shipmates. My father, an electrical engineer working on submarine design, was out on sea trials off the coast of New England on April 10, 1963. A neighbor came running to our house to tell us that a nuclear submarine had been lost off the coast of New England. For the next eight hours we believed he had perished with the other 128 military and civilian souls lost that day. As neighbors and friends came to the house and the news worsened, we still could not fathom what had happened. Then came the news that the THRESHER was the submarine that was lost; our dad was not on that submarine...he had been assigned to another submarine's sea trials at the last minute. We must never let the lessons learned and submarine safety programs established because of the THRESHER loss lose their importance and we must never forget those brave souls who lost their lives that day.”

**Mr. Robert Schultz, Former Executive Director, NAVSEA Submarine Directorate writes:**

“We all have a handful of vivid memories that we carry with us throughout our lives. One of mine is when I first heard of the loss of THRESHER.

I began my career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 1959. Today I can still see the television image with just the words “NEWS BULLETIN” when I first heard that THRESHER was “missing while on sea trials off the New England coast.” Television was much less dramatic in those days. The next day a high school friend of mine called and asked if I would come to her house. She had been dating a THRESHER sailor and wanted to know his chances of survival. I had a difficult time telling her there was no hope. As names of those on board THRESHER were released, I recognized several of the shipyard employees. This event had a profound impact and stayed with me throughout my career. It influenced what I viewed as important as we all designed, built and maintained the submarine fleet. The SUBSAFE Program is the vehicle that provides focus on submarine safety. However, it is the people that work day after day within the Program that make the real difference.

Forty years later, as those of us with vivid memories of the loss of THRESHER fade into the background, we look for others to carry forward the lessons learned from THRESHER so that the remarkable safety record of the United States Navy submarine program is maintained. I hope you are one of those.”

**Ray Lafortune, Retired SUBMEPP Chief Engineer writes:**

"I was an apprentice machinist in Shop 31 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard when THRESHER was lost. I remember the sadness we all shared... the internal questioning if somehow we contributed to the loss. It was a relief to eventually find out the real cause, but the experience profoundly affected the way I worked ever since."

**Mr. Donald Matteo, Former Executive Director, NAVSEA Submarine Directorate, writes:**

“The THRESHER loss was in my life experience one of those indelible events where you can recall exactly where you were when you got the tragic news. In my case, that was the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Today, having been a part of the submarine business for over four decades and getting past the human tragedy of the loss of life, my conclusions, based on study and observation, are twofold: First, an unbiased assessment of submarine design and production engineering realities in 1963 lead me to conclude that an event such as THRESHER was inevitable. Second, in a watershed way, it profoundly and permanently changed the nature and direction of our business. I have often thought of the lost riders of THRESHER in April 1963 as martyrs to a larger cause.”

**Mr. Ken Tondreau, Former Assistant Program Manager for Deep Submergence Systems, NAVSEA PMS 395, writes:**

“At time of THRESHER's loss on 10 April 1963, I was working as a young engineer in the piping and air conditioning section at the Boston Naval Shipyard. I had always lived in a small fishing community on the coast just north of Boston. It was shortly after THRESHER went down and the crew list was released that I found out that a young fellow I had often played with at the park close to my home, Joey Hoague, was a member of the lost crew. The loss had a personal effect on me and on all the people I knew in New England. Shortly after THRESHER was found by TRIESTE, I was assigned to participate in the THRESHER loss design analysis study. It was my introduction to submarines. I was assigned to assist in the structural analysis of the THRESHER torpedo tube system and review all components whose failure could have possibly lead to flooding in the submarine. It was a task I've never forgotten. It gave me an appreciation for paying attention to detail, especially with regard to design and installation of through hull components. I have tried to carry that with me to this day.”

### **APPLY BOARD**

The latest updates on APPLY Board dates, instructions, changes are available at:

[http://www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/navsurf/staff\\_codes/N1/applyfy04/index.html](http://www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/navsurf/staff_codes/N1/applyfy04/index.html)

**Note that although the site says the application deadline has been extended to 1 MAY, it would be advisable to complete your application by 30 April due to website access issues.** Also consider billets outside of Program 1 to provide a more well rounded experience to your reserve career.

### **RESERVE MANAGEMENT PERIODS**

Good news from the CNRFC budget shop – “RMP authorization has increased for Q3 and Q4 to (4) officer and (2) enlisted drills per month. To provide greater flexibility, "use/lose" is now quarterly vice monthly. The end result is all RMP units are now authorized (12) officer and (6) enlisted drills per quarter to be issued at the unit CO's discretion.” The result is most of our units will have more authorized drills for the unit leadership. See the FY03 FINANCIAL GUIDANCE UPDATE NO. 6 message at the end of this RESNOTE.

### **MEDAL UPDATE**

President Bush has issued an executive order establishing the **Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal** and the **Global War on Terrorism Service Medal**. The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal will be awarded to service members who serve in military expeditions to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Operation Enduring Freedom is the prime operation the medal may be awarded for. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will be awarded to service members who serve in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Operation Noble Eagle is an example of the type of operation the medal may be awarded for. The awards do not take the place of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or the Armed Forces Service Medal. No one may be awarded more than one of the four medals for service in the same approved expedition or operation to combat terrorism. No one is entitled to more than one award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal or the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Awarding criteria are still being developed and will be announced at a later date.

Additionally, President Bush recently signed an amendment to Executive Order 10448, with reference to the **National Defense Service Medal**, to extend eligibility for the award of that medal to all members in good standing in the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces. The web link for the Executive Order is:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/03/20030328-1.html> . The details are contained in NAVADMIN 086/03 at the end of this RESNOTE.

### **SGLI REDUCED PREMIUMS**

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that premiums for the Service members Group Life Insurance will be reduced, handing military members a few extra dollars in their pockets each month. Beginning in July, the cost for a \$250,000 policy - the maximum coverage – will drop from \$20 to \$16.25 monthly, a \$3.75 savings. Information about the change in SGLI premiums can be found at <http://www.insurance.va.gov>, or call the Office of Service members Group Life Insurance toll-free at 1-800-419-1473.

### **AIRLINE LUGGAGE WEIGHT LIMITS CHANGED**

The major U.S. airlines have changed their checked baggage policy concerning weight limits and excess charges for luggage on domestic flights. The carriers will still accept luggage up to 100 pounds per piece but will charge significant fees for luggage weighing in the upper limits. Most airlines allow two pieces of luggage, 50 pounds maximum each, to be checked free of charge. Bags exceeding 50 pounds but less than 70 pounds will be assessed an excess-baggage fee of around \$25 per bag. Bags between 70 and 100 pounds will be charged about \$80 per bag. Waivers are available to military members on official orders, including active duty, Guard, Reserve and Coast Guard. The waivers do not apply to family members or to Defense Department civilians. If your official travel requires heavy bags, ask for a waiver. If circumstances prevent a waiver, get a receipt and put the excess baggage charges on your travel claim.

### **SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT PAY**

Authorization has been given to allow payment of Special Duty Assignment Pay to reservists actively drilling in a Special Duty Assignment billet. See ALNAVRESFOR 007/03 attached to this RESNOTE

### **CMC NOTE**

Enlisted selection boards convene this month for the selection of our prospective Senior and Master Chiefs, followed shortly thereafter by the Chief's selection board which convenes in June. I always find that there is a flurry of activity of selection board eligible personnel getting their "packages" ready to send to the board; good sailors trying hard to get their best shot at advancement. I am often asked what should go into a package, should the Sailor submit a package at all, will submitting a package increase your chances of advancement, or will not submitting a package be viewed dimly by the selection board? I would like to spend a little time this month, talking about getting ready for competition at the selection board, getting a proper and timely package ready, and putting your best foot forward to improve your chances of selection. I am not just addressing E6 through E8. Rather, I am talking to E4 through E8. You see, advancement to the senior enlisted ranks begins when you are an E4, starts cranking up at E5, and is in full engagement for our E6 through E8 candidates.

As a rule of thumb, packages are due at the selection board about a month before the board convenes. This year, for our prospective E8 and E9's, any additional information that they wish to be considered in support of their selection (the package) must have been received by the board by 1 April 03. The last date that any late breaking FITREPS, or awards could be submitted was 29 April of 03. For E7 candidates, there is still time this year. The dates are 1 May 03 and 9 June 03 respectively.



The first task is to determine if you need to send a package at all. There is no requirement that you send one, and there are no points awarded or taken away based solely on whether you sent a package or not. Carefully consider the appropriateness and necessity of you submitting a package. A great place to start is at [www.persnet.navy.mil/pers8/PERS-81/PERS-812/p812.htm](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers8/PERS-81/PERS-812/p812.htm) to check your PSR/ESR. This is some of the very information the board will actually be reviewing. You should also regularly check your microfiche service record for accuracy as well, since anything in this document is fair game for the board's review. (Forms for ordering your microfiche can be found on the SEA Toolbox disk under the career counselor page.) If the information in your fiche is legible, complete, up to date, and has no erroneous data, and your PSR/ESR is accurate, there is no need to submit any additional package of information. Do not be redundant in this regard. Submit a package only if it contributes pertinent information to the board that they will not otherwise have access to.

Once you determine that sending a documentation package is the proper course of action, put your package together following these guidelines: Gather all pertinent and applicable documents. There is no need to have them certified to be true copies as in the past, but do write your social security number on each and every page. Do not staple or clip any of the pages since they will all be scanned into a computer, and fasteners of any kind make this task more difficult. Don't include any pictures, video tapes, magnetic media, CD's, DVD's or the like with your package. Draft a cover letter for your package. Proper format for the cover letter can be found on the web site listed above. Do not wait until the last minute to submit things that you know need to be sent, even if you think you might need to send more later. You can always send more than one package if need be. And finally, this is a poor time to procrastinate. Get right on task at the first opportunity. Once the package is submitted, be sure to check the PERS 812 website at [www.persnet.navy.mil/pers8/PERS-81/PERS-812/p812.htm](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers8/PERS-81/PERS-812/p812.htm) to find the status of your package(s), as well as the status of your eligibility.

If you follow these guidelines each year, you will never have a substantial number of pages to send to the board. Develop a habit of checking that your service record is in proper order early in your career. Certainly starting this as an E5 is entirely appropriate. Also, get in the habit of ordering your microfiche around first week in December, and then reviewing it before the end of February for E8 and E9 candidates, and before the end of March for E7. If you start this process as an E5, you will be well ahead of the game by the time you are an E6 and selection board eligible. Whether you are an E5 or E8, the rules are the same. Start early, don't procrastinate, and do not be redundant. I wish each of you the best of luck in your advancement endeavors. I sincerely hope that this information will be helpful in your pursuits.

ETCM(SS) Chris Clark  
COMNAVSUBRESFOR CMC

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## **Submarine Memorial Service/Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery**

The Capitol Base of the United States Submarine Veterans Request the pleasure of your company at a Memorial Service in Honor of All Submariners on Eternal Patrol on Saturday, the seventeenth of May 2003 from half past eleven o'clock until one o'clock at Admiral Hiram Cassedy Wife's Gravesite/Section 2-4746A, Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, VA. RSVP By 2 May 2003 [Capitol\\_Base@hotmail.com](mailto:Capitol_Base@hotmail.com)  
Dress: Civilian - Informal                      Active Duty Military - Service Dress



The traditional "Tolling of the Boats" and a Wreath Laying Ceremony will occur.

## COMSUBPAC

### QUARTERLY REPORTING

Second quarter PCS reporting was greatly improved with 90% of all units reporting by 10 April 2003. Please forward remaining quarterly reports immediately to LCDR Williams at [williajr@csp.navy.mil](mailto:williajr@csp.navy.mil).

### AT OPPORTUNITIES

Many opportunities exist for career enhancing ATs in various locations throughout the Pacific. Most are listed on the exercise RUP maintained by CDR Russ Philbrick. Most unit COs should be getting this. If not, please contact CDR Philbrick at [russ.philbrick@esca.com](mailto:russ.philbrick@esca.com).

## COMSUBLANT

### COMSUBLANT RESERVE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Applicants are sought for the position of COMSUBLANT Operations Director. Deadline for receipt of packages is 15 May 2003.

**Position Description:** The COMSUBLANT OPS Director serves on the staff of Deputy COMSUBLANT and has responsibility for coordination of SUBLANT reserve force support for Operations, and Operations training and development of policies and means for effective implementation of reserve support for all submarine operations. The Operations Director is expected to work closely with COMSUBLANT N7A (Deputy for Battle Group Operations), COMSUBLANT N3 (Deputy for Operations), and the COMSUBLANT Group, CSEL, Squadron, SSSU, IUSS, and Force Protection reserve units, components of the staff of Commander, Second Fleet, and other units that may be assigned duties involving submarine participation in operations.

**Requirements:**

Rank: O-6

Billet Assignment: must be currently serving in a non-command billet, *preferably within Program 1*, with at least two years left in the non-command tour as of 1 October 2003 or must pick up a non-command billet on the FY04 Apply Board; must be willing to drill in Norfolk, VA a minimum of once per quarter, even if IDTT funding is not available.

Experience: must have previously held position as CO of a COMSUBLANT or COMSUBPAC BGS, Group, Squadron unit and be knowledgeable of policies and procedures for Submarine Advisory Team support for battle group staffs.

Time: it is expected that the person holding this billet will need to periodically drill during the week and spend substantial amount of time between drills handling matters relating to the CSL BGS program.

**Application for Position:** If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit a package containing a letter outlining your qualifications, a current Officer Qualification Questionnaire (OQQ), and a short explanation of why you are interested in this position to CAPT Brett Ayotte, COMSUBLANT Force Director, (3103 Havenhill Ct, Edgewater, MD 21037) or electronically to email address: [bda-reserve@comcast.net](mailto:bda-reserve@comcast.net). Selection will be made in early June. The selectee will start turnover with the current COMSUBLANT Reserve

Operations Director, attend the BGS Conference on 7-8 June 2003, and fully assume the position on 1 July 2003.

**Deadline for receipt of packages is 15 May 2003.**

## **COMSUBLANT OPERATIONS CONFERENCE 2003**

**5-8 June 2003**

**Submarine Training Facility, Norfolk, VA**

The CSL BGS community will be hosting a COMSUBLANT Operations Conference this year in lieu of the traditional COMSUBLANT BGS Conference. The conference will be held 5-8 June 2003 at Submarine Training Facility on Naval Station Norfolk. In order to facilitate wider discussion of operations initiatives throughout the CSL reserve units, CSL BGS 106 will be hosting representatives from the following reserve units:

- CSL BGS units
- CSL HQ units
- CSL Group and Squadron support units (including SSSU)
- CSEL 1005
- SURTASS LFA DET
- CUS DET 1
- Naval Submarine School

We would ideally like to have the CO or XO, SEA, and OPS officer for each of these units to participate in the conference. Officer and enlisted members of these units are also invited to attend to take advantage of the training opportunities that will be available. The BGS units will be sending as many members as possible for training and operational planning.

The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for professional development and for networking with your former shipmates and friends in the Submarine Community. It is structured to provide the maximum exchange of ideas and to achieve the maximum increase in operational readiness of our personnel and units. Our training objective is to offer a wide range of operationally-oriented seminars or lectures, presented by our best seminar leaders, to meet the needs of the participating units.

The conference will include multiple tracks:

1. Training Tracks (5-8 June 2003): The objective of this 4-day event is to provide meaningful operations-oriented training opportunities to the participating units. Training sessions will be held Thursday and Friday on a variety of ASW topics, and three training tracks will be available on Saturday and Sunday to provide: a) Basic level, b) Advanced level, and c) Submarine Advisory Team (SAT) Leader level training opportunities.
2. Conference Track (7-8 June 2003): The objective of this 2-day event is to plan for joint operations initiatives between the participating units. The FY03 Focus Areas (ASW Coordination, Mine Warfare, Anti-diesel ASW, and SOF) will be topics of discussion during the conference and breakout sessions. Determining how the submarine group and squadron support units can support the operations mission will also be addressed.
3. Training/Conference Track (5-8 June 2003): Attendees will participate in the Training Track on Friday and Saturday, and participate in the Conference Track on Saturday and Sunday.

The agenda for the conference is attached to this RESNOTE. For more information on the conference, please contact the Conference Coordinator:

CDR Warren ReBarker, USNR  
Deputy Director - Special Projects  
NR COMSUBLANT BGS 106  
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## ANNUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUBLANT OPCON EXERCISE BILLETS

Listed below are the exercises, dates and billets available for the remainder of fiscal year 2003. These are good opportunities to prepare for other exercise billets including OUTCONUS and at-sea exercises. If you are interested in participating in any of these exercises, contact LCDR Todd Motley at (757) 380-4506 or via email at MOTLEY\_TR@NNS.COM. Previous submarine exercise or OPCON experience is required for COMPTUEX watchstanders. Exercise watchstander training will be offered periodically during the FY. Contact LCDR Motley for details.

Exercise	Dates *	Billets	Rank/Rate
COMPTUEX 03-3**	30 JUL – 11 AUG 2003	ETOW	E4-E6
COMPTUEX 03-3**	07 AUG – 18 AUG 2003	ETOW	E4-E6
COMPTUEX 03-3**	15 AUG – 26 AUG 2003	ETOW	E4-E6
JTFEX 03-3	11 SEP – 22 SEP 2003	ETOWs	(2) E4-E6

\*All dates subject to change based on operational scheduling. C2X 03-3 dates reflect recent change from May/Jun; **JTFEX 03-3 will in all likelihood be delayed until FY04, Oct/Nov.**

\*\*Must have previous OPCON experience

### FY03 FINANCIAL GUIDANCE UPDATE NO. 6

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RMKS/1. This message updates Ref A concerning various programs and execution of RPN and O&MNR by all subordinate echelons. All previous financial updates and other related info are available at finance web site, <https://reserves.navy.mil>.

A. The CNRFC N01B website has moved. The URL for the new CNRFC N01B site is <https://reserves.navy.mil>. This will be the home page for all Naval Reserve Commands. the home page will require you to login (either click the "COMNAVRESFOR Secure Website Login" button underneath the CNRF logo or go to the very top right part of your screen and click "Login"). The login page will require you to enter your social security number, last name, and date of birth. Click on the "Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command" link in the side box to the right of the page titled "Command Centers". The CNRFC homepage has 10 blue tabs at the top of the page that serve as links to different areas of the site. Click on the "Logistics & Finance tab." Click on the "Finance/Accounting" link. A sidebar will appear to the very left of your screen containing links to the N01B homepage and all it's sub-pages. If you have trouble accessing the CNRFC website, please contact Ryan McLaughlin at DSN: 678-5121 or e-mail: [MCLAUGHR@CNRF.NAVY.MIL](mailto:MCLAUGHR@CNRF.NAVY.MIL).

#### 2. NOWS/RPN-To-The-Field:

A. AT execution per Ref B is still valid. Orig will continue to push funds down to the ECH IV level, in the quarter of execution, as assets become available. ECH IV'S have just been provided btwn \$50K AND \$400K in AT-OFFICER and AT-ENLISTED based on percentage of uncommitted funds, execution, and requests. No reasonable AT request should be denied.

B. Mid- Year Review: Formal mid-year review by FMB occurred 09 APR 03. There will be surplus AT and IDTT funds available in NOWS for Q3 and Q4 based on decisions made at this review. ADT funding will not be affected and discretionary funds received at the ECH IV are probably all that will be available in FY 03.

C. AT/ADT/IDTT funds mangers, sub-funds managers, and funds approvers should be reviewing financial reports for unliquidated and canceled orders on a monthly basis. Significant dollars could be tied up in these unliquidated and/or canceled orders. For the month of April, reconciliations should be performed on orders executed thru February.

#### 3. Additional Drills:

A. RMP authorization has increased for Q3 and Q4 to (4) officer and (2) enlisted drills per month. To provide greater flexibility, "USE/LOSE" is now quarterly vice monthly. The end result is all RMP units are now authorized (12) officer and (6) enlisted drills per quarter to be issued at the unit CO'S discretion.

B. CNRF 1001.5E Draft Chap 8 is available on the finance web site. NSIPS and RHS now reflect ATP and RMP authorization limits IAW Draft Chap 8.

C. To update the new additional drill limits in NSIPS, the NRA NSIPS supervisor has to go to the IDT Unit screen and set IDT default limits.

#### 4. O&MNR:

A. CNRFC receives professional/skill program training funding in Combat Support Forces from Resource Sponsors 093 Medical Support, N4 Fleet and Ashore Readiness, Logistics, N76 Surface Warfare, N77 Submarine Warfare, and N78 Aviation Programs. Surface training provides funding to train SELRES and Full-Time Support personnel. Training Program Categories are Exportable Training, Civilian Augmented Training, Train The Trainer, Medical Exportable, Medical Civilian Augmented Training, and Continuing Medical Education. Exportable training brings instructors from navy schools or gaining commands to the Reserve Center to teach specific courses or qualification training. Civilian Augmented Training is used to fill specific training requirements with civilian training resources such as Vocational-Technical Schools, Trade Schools, Junior Colleges, and sources for Specialized Contractor-Provided Training. Surface Training Series Courses also provide various

rate/billet specific training courses for use in Mobilization Readiness training. Train The Trainer enables our Full Time Support personnel to receive training and in turn pass this training on to other Full Time Support and SELRES personnel. Continuing Medical Education pays for tuition and fees for medical personnel. Detailed execution and spending plans received from surface training data call reflected a massive amount of training dollars spent on conferences. While conferences can provide viable training opportunities, excessive use of surface training funds to support conferences reduces availability of funds to train SELRES in a program with very limited funding resources and rapidly increasing scrutiny from the resource sponsors and FMB.

B. CNRF N00F is receiving a lot of requests at MYR for increases in cell phone costs. Although not a stated policy, the normal ECH V/RESCEN config is anticipated to be a cell phone for the Duty Officer and CO; and a pager for the MDR. ECH IV is responsible for setting policy within their region.

5. General Comments:

A. Fund approver (FA) Job Qualification Requirements (JQR) and JQR Powerpoint Training Aid are available on the web page and are now the official training medium for the financial side of NOWS; training at NRPDC New Orleans is centered around the Order Specialist (OS) role and not, repeat not, required to be a fund approver.

B. ECH IV Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and financial org chart have been developed and are part of the new CNRFC self-assessment; a draft copy has been sent to the comptrollers.

6. Minimize considered. rel by N01B.//

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NARR/Ref A is White House Executive Order signed by President Bush announcing NDSM Eligibility Extension.

Ref B is previous NAVADMIN announcing reinstatement of NDSM. Ref C is the Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual.//

RMKS/1. Pursuant to Ref A, Ref B is amended to allow "Service In Good Standing In The Selected Reserve Of The Armed Forces" on or after 11 September 2001 to be eligible for the NDSM. The termination date will be determined in the future.

2. Ref C will be annotated to include this amendment.

3. Except as modified above, all other provisions of Refs B and C remain in effect.

4. Released by VADM P. A. TRACEY, DNS//

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